

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (original): A sliding reusable connector for attaching gear to a
2 base unit, said connector comprising:
3 (a) a main body having a first main body end and a second main body
4 end;
5 (b) a main body track portion associated with said first main body end;
6 (c) a main body locking portion associated with said second main body
7 end;
8 (d) a slide having a first slide end and a second slide end;
9 (e) longitudinal slide track structure extending substantially between
10 said first slide end and said second slide end;
11 (f) slide locking structure associated with said second slide end;
12 (g) said slide track structure slidably interconnected with said main
13 body track portion; and
14 (h) said slide locking structure repeatedly lockable and unlockable with
15 said main body locking portion.

1 Claim 2 (original): The connector of claim 1, said main body further
2 defining at least one secondary connection means.

1 Claim 3 (original): The connector of claim 2, wherein each said at least
2 one secondary connection means is an aperture defined in said main body.

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1 Claim 4 (original): The connector of claim 1 having an open position in
2 which said second slide end is relatively near said first main body end and a closed
3 position in which said first slide end is relatively near said first main body end and said
4 second slide end is relatively near said second main body end, said slide track structure
5 sliding within said main body track portion between said open position and said closed
6 position.

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1 Claim 5 (original): The connector of claim 1 having an open position in
2 which said second slide end is relatively near said first main body end, an insertion
3 opening defined between said main body locking portion and both said second slide end
4 and said first main body end.

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1 Claim 6 (original): The connector of claim 5, said main body having a
2 longitudinal main body length and said insertion opening having a longitudinal insertion
3 opening length, said longitudinal insertion opening length being more than 60% of said
4 main body length.

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1 Claim 7 (original): The connector of claim 5, wherein said insertion
2 opening is suitable for allowing a gear attachment mechanism of said gear to be
3 positioned within and removed from said connector without significant manipulation.

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1 Claim 8 (original): The connector of claim 5, wherein said insertion
2 opening is suitable for allowing a base unit attachment mechanism of said base unit to
3 be positioned within and removed from said connector without significant manipulation.

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1 Claim 9 (original): The connector of claim 1 wherein said longitudinal slide
2 track structure extending substantially between said first slide end and said second slide
3 end is at least one groove.

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1 Claim 10 (original): The connector of claim 1 wherein said longitudinal
2 slide track structure extending substantially between said first slide end and said second
3 slide end is at least one rib.

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1 Claim 11 (original): A sliding reusable connector for attaching gear to a
2 base unit, said connector comprising:

3 (a) primary connection means comprising:

4 (i) a main body having a main body track portion and a main
5 body locking portion, said main body track portion separated
6 from said main body locking portion by a distance;

7 (ii) a slide having slide locking structure and longitudinal slide
8 track structure, longitudinal slide track structure extending
9 substantially the length of said slide;

10 (iii) said slide track structure slidably interconnected with said
11 main body track portion; and

12 (iv) said slide locking structure repeatedly lockable and
13 unlockable with said main body locking portion; and

14 (b) at least one secondary connection means.

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1 Claim 12 (original): The connector of claim 11, wherein each said at least
2 one secondary connection means is an aperture defined in said main body.

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1 Claim 13 (original): The connector of claim 11 said slide track structure
2 slidable within said main body track portion between an open position and a closed
3 position.

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1 Claim 14 (original): The connector of claim 11, wherein a gear attachment
2 mechanism of said gear is positionable within said primary connection means.

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1 Claim 15 (original): The connector of claim 11, wherein a base unit
2 attachment mechanism of said base unit is positionable within said primary connection
3 means.

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1 Claim 16 (original): The connector of claim 11, wherein a base unit
2 attachment mechanism of said base unit and a gear attachment mechanism of said
3 gear are simultaneously positionable within said primary connection means.

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1 Claim 17 (original): A sliding reusable connector for attaching gear to a
2 base unit, said connector comprising:

- 3 (a) a main body having a first main body end and a second main body
4 end;
5 (b) a main body track portion associated with said first main body end;
6 (c) a main body securing portion associated with said second main
7 body end;
8 (d) a slide having a first slide end and a second slide end;
9 (e) longitudinal slide track structure extending at least partially between
10 said first slide end and said second slide end;
11 (f) slide securing structure associated with said second slide end;
12 (g) said slide track structure slidably interconnected with said main
13 body track portion; and
14 (h) said slide locking structure repeatedly securable and unsecurable
15 with said main body securing portion.

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1 Claim 18 (original): The connector of claim 17, said main body further
2 defining at least one secondary connection means.
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1 Claim 19 (new): The connector of claim 17 having an open position in
2 which said second slide end is relatively near said first main body end, an insertion
3 opening defined between said main body locking portion and both said second slide end
4 and said first main body end.

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1 Claim 20 (new): The connector of claim 19, said main body having a
2 longitudinal main body length and said insertion opening having a longitudinal insertion
3 opening length, said longitudinal insertion opening length being more than 60% of said
4 main body length.